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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on January 4, 2000 (Paper No. 11), please amend the present application as follows, and consider the remarks below.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

C1

--5(twice amended). The method of claim 1 wherein the [standard state] surface tension of said second liquid is reduced.--

C2

--8(twice amended). A method for disrupting cells by applying ultrasonic energy to a sample of cells in a first liquid, wherein the [standard state] surface tension of said first liquid is reduced.--

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